



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 445

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**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF ISSUES RELATED TO
ELECTRONIC TOLLS IN CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation
2 shall develop, within existing budgetary resources, an analysis
3 conducted by persons employed by the department on the effective
4 date of this section concerning the establishment of electronic tolls on
5 Connecticut highways at the state borders. Such analysis shall
6 consider: (1) Toll locations and collection methods that maximize
7 revenue and increase transportation system efficiency; (2) the short-
8 term and long-term impact of tolls on municipalities in close proximity
9 to such tolls resulting from traffic diversion to a parallel alternative
10 route, including traffic congestion, roadway safety, bicycle and
11 pedestrian travel, air pollution and noise; (3) federal constraints on the
12 purposes for which toll revenues may be expended that prevent the
13 broad redistribution of such revenue; (4) privacy issues related to the
14 collection of personal information in the implementation of electronic
15 tolling and the protection of data confidentiality; and (5) tax credits for
16 Connecticut residents and businesses that frequently leave and return
17 to the state. The Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a
18 request to the Attorney General for an opinion on legal impediments
19 to the establishment of tolls presented by the Commerce Clause of the
20 United States Constitution, or by federal or state law, and shall consult

21 with the Federal Highway Administration concerning changes in
 22 federal law that would impact or prevent the implementation of
 23 electronic tolls. The commissioner shall submit the results of such
 24 analysis to the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of
 25 section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than June 30, 2010. Such
 26 analysis shall include (A) any impediments to the implementation of
 27 tolls identified by the commissioner, (B) the necessary steps and
 28 available options to address and, if possible, overcome such
 29 impediments, (C) a plan and timetable recommended by the
 30 department for the removal of such impediments, and (D) a plan and
 31 timetable for the establishment of such electronic tolls upon the
 32 resolution of such impediments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*